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I believe that a company should have the right to add additional value to their products without the government's interference. I totally disagree with the DOJ's claims in this lawsuit. Microsoft has NOT hurt consumers in any way. Microsoft's competitors want the government to do what they, the competition, can't do; beat Microsoft. We, the consumers, have made our voices heard with, among other things, our wallets. I am ashamed of our government, specifically the previous administration, for trying to fight the battle for Microsoft's competitors. Microsoft is not a public utility that we are forced to do business with. We have a choice. Please do not allow anything to interfere with Microsoft's, or any other company's, right to innovate.

Thank you,

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